

YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Type: Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
Established: August 6, 2014
Chairs: Justice Roland A. Cole and Judge Wayne Douglas
Report Date: December 1, 2014
Reports to: Maine Supreme Judicial Court
Completion Date: June 30, 2015

I. Purpose:

The York County Courthouse Advisory Committee (YCCHAC) is established by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to study the building and facilities needs of the court system in York County as it strives to achieve an efficient, safe and cost effective system of case resolution. The Committee will function as a collaborative working group to study the courthouse facilities in York County and to make recommendations concerning those courthouses, including proposals to expand or renovate existing courthouses, create new courthouses, or consolidate current courthouses.

II. Goals:

The Advisory Committee will:

- a. Review information about the four courthouse facilities in York County, including technology, adequacy of space, ADA compliance, and physical plant deficiencies;
- b. Identify barriers to the efficient, timely and cost effective, and safe, access to justice posed by the current courthouses;
- c. Seek input from individuals, organizations and government representatives both within and outside the Judicial Branch; and
- d. Develop proposals to removing identified barriers, including, but not limited to proposals for expansion, renovation, and/or consolidation, and establishing priorities for the same.

III. Membership:

The Chief Justice will invite representatives of the Executive and Legislative Branches of Maine State Government, county and municipal government, the York County Judge of Probate, Maine Judicial Branch judges and court staff, the

Region 1 District Attorney or her designee, state, county, and local law enforcement, representatives of the Maine Bar, and other stakeholders. The specific members will be listed on a separate membership roster.

IV. Meetings:

The YCCHAC shall meet at the call of the Chairs, as often as is necessary to complete its responsibilities.

V. Report:

The YCCHAC shall submit a report containing its recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court by December 1, 2014, or as otherwise ordered by the Chief Justice.

Dated: August 6, 2014

Approved By:

/s/

Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley
Maine Supreme Judicial Court